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TURNING SUPERMAN INTO A CAT WAS MY MOST PURR-FECT CRIME, LOIS! AND NOW I'LL CHANGE YOU INTO A MOUSE!
IT'S A CATASTROPHE FOR SUPERMAN WHEN HE'S BEWITCHED BY BATMAN'S FELINE FOE IN... "The CATWOMAN'S BLACK MAGIC!"
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ONE DAY, HIGH OVER STARTLED METROPOLIS...

LOOK! IS IT A PLANE?

IT'S TOO BIG TO BE SUPERMAN!

GOOD GRIEF! IT LOOKS LIKE A ROC, THE GIANT BIRD OF ARABIAN LEGEND! IT CAN'T BE FOR REAL!

AT THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE, AS LOIS LANE AND CLARK KENT WATCH...

CLARK! IT'S DROPPING THOUSANDS OF LEAFLETS! IT'S AN AIRCRAFT! HOW DOES IT WORK? IF ONLY I HAD SUPERMAN'S X-RAY VISION!

SINCE I'M REALLY SUPERMAN, THAT'S NO PROBLEM FOR ME!

IT'S AN INGENIOUS ADAPTATION OF THE HELICOPTER PRINCIPLE. THE FRAME OF THE CRAFT IS COVERED WITH ARTIFICIAL FEATHERS TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE A HUGE BIRD. LET'S SEE WHAT THOSE LEAFLETS SAY!

MOMENTS LATER...

HARVEY HAWKS! HE'S THE MILLIONAIRE BIRD-FANCIER WHO OWNS SOME OF THE RAREST FEATHERED CREATURES ON EARTH. THE COLLECTION MUST BE WORTH A FORTUNE!

Announcing the GRAND OPENING OF THE METROPOLIS BIRD SANCTUARY AUG. 25 at PHOENIX CASTLE SPONSORED BY HARVEY HAWKS

JUST THEN...

GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! LISTEN TO THIS FLASH ON THE NEWS TICKER. THE PENGUIN HAS ESCAPED FROM PRISON! THE WARDEN IS ABOUT TO GIVE THE DETAILS ON A NATIONAL TV HOOKUP!

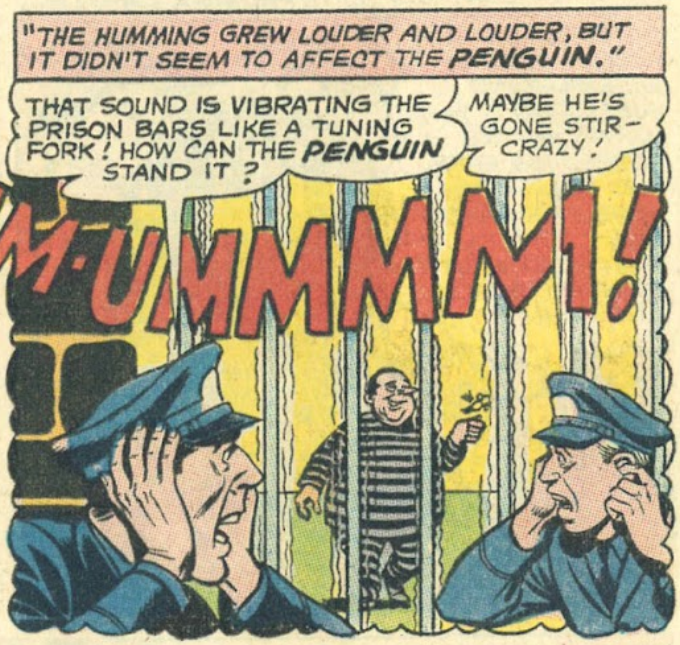
THE PENGUIN! HE'S ONE OF BATMAN'S CLEVEREST ENEMIES!

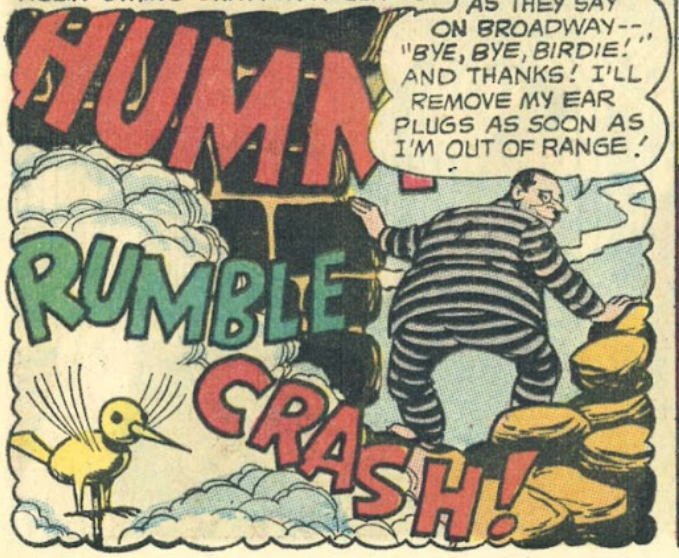
TING! TING!

SOON, ON A SPECIAL NEWSCAST...
YES! THE PENGUIN, OUR MOST INFAMOUS JAIL-BIRD, ESCAPED BY THE USE OF A FIENDISHLY CLEVER TRICK, WHICH HE PULLED AT A PARTY FOR THE PRISON-GUARDS' CHILDREN.

"FOOLISHLY, WE PERMITTED OUR PUDGY PRISONER TO ENTERTAIN THE TOTS WITH AN ELECTRONIC HUMMING BIRD HE INVENTED."
WATCH THE BIRDIE, KIDDIES. THE NECTAR IN THOSE FLOWERS HAS HIM HUMMING WITH DELIGHT!
HMMMMMMMMMMM!

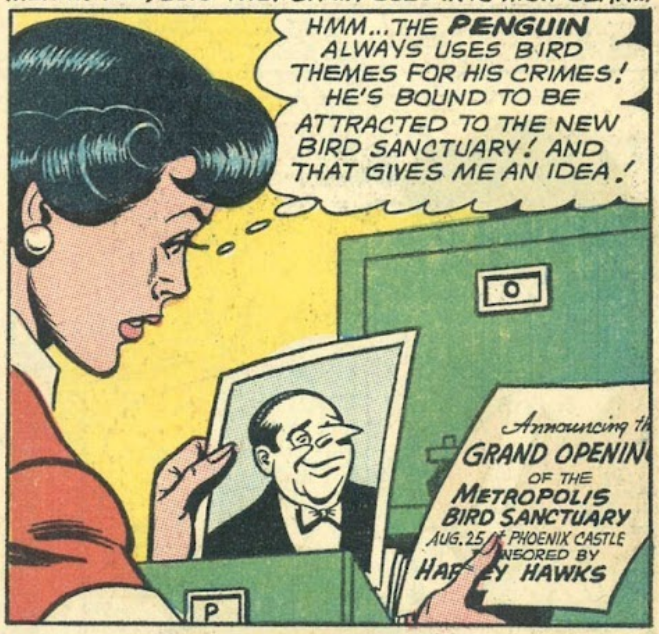
PENGUIN, SHUT THAT THING OFF BEFORE IT BREAKS EVERYONE'S EAR-DRUMS!
SORRY, WARDEN! I CAN'T HEAR A THING YOU SAY!
HUMMMMMMMM-


"THE HUMMING GREW LOUDER AND LOUDER, BUT IT DIDN'T SEEM TO AFFECT THE PENGUIN."
THAT SOUND IS VIBRATING THE PRISON BARS LIKE A TUNING FORK! HOW CAN THE PENGUIN STAND IT?
MAYBE HE'S GONE STIR-CRAZY!
UMMMMM!

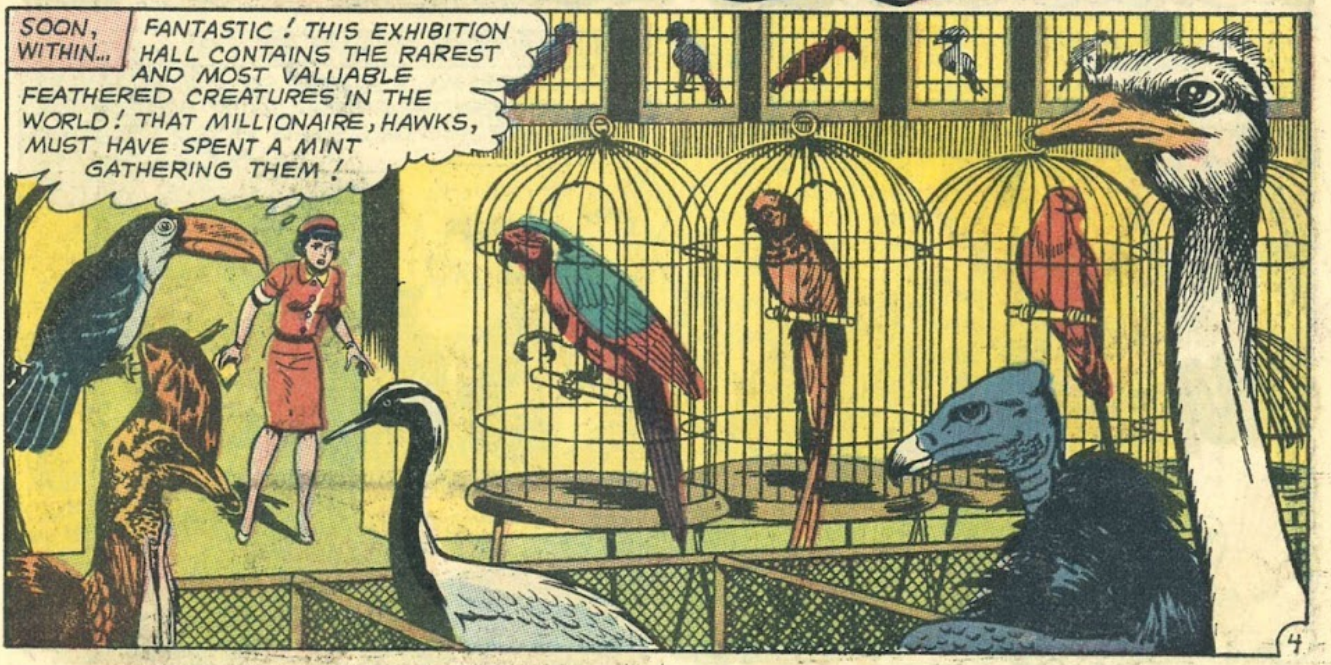

"BUT IT WAS ALL PART OF THE FOUL FELON'S CUNNING PLAN. THE SOUND OF THE HUMMING BIRD SHATTERED THE PRISON WALL, JUST LIKE THE VIBRATIONS OF A VIOLIN STRING SHATTER A GLASS."
AS THEY SAY ON BROADWAY--"BYE, BYE, BIRDIE!" AND THANKS! I'LL REMOVE MY EAR PLUGS AS SOON AS I'M OUT OF RANGE!
HUMM
RUMBLE
CRASH!

AS THE WARDEN FINISHES HIS STORY...
THIS IS PAGE-ONE STUFF! SO LONG, LOIS. I'M HEADING FOR THE PRISON TO INTERVIEW THE WITNESSES AND GET SOME PICTURES!

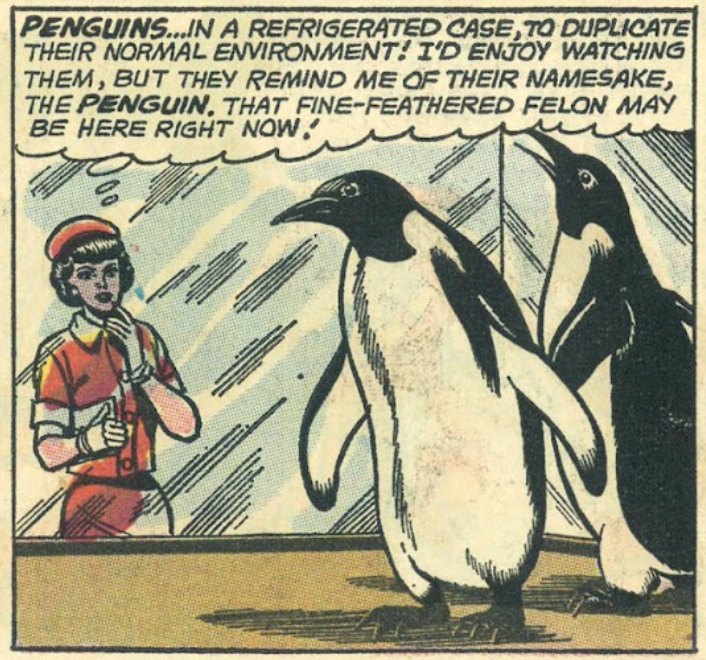
MEANWHILE, LOIS' WILY BRAIN GOES INTO HIGH GEAR...



THAT AFTERNOON, LOIS VISITS PHOENIX CASTLE...



THE BOWER BIRD OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC! IT COLLECTS GLITTERING OBJECTS AND STONES THE WAY SOME PEOPLE COLLECT JEWELS!

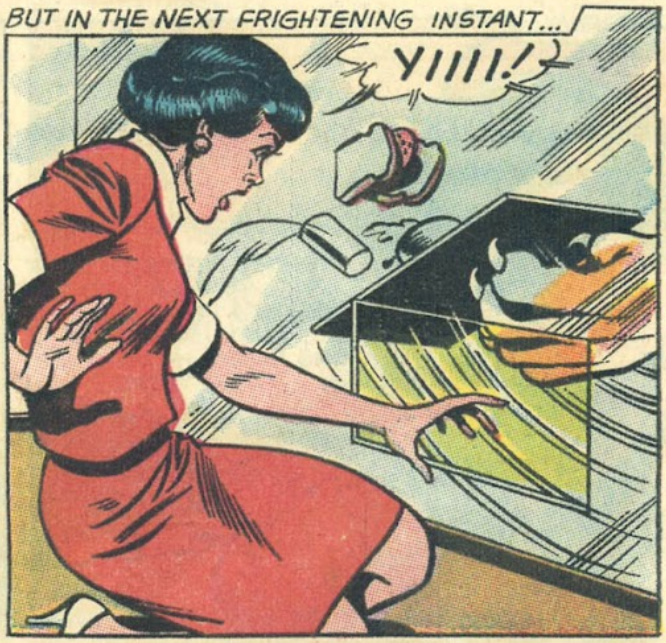

PENGUINS...IN A REFRIGERATED CASE, TO DUPLICATE THEIR NORMAL ENVIRONMENT! I'D ENJOY WATCHING THEM, BUT THEY REMIND ME OF THEIR NAMESAKE, THE PENGUIN. THAT FINE-FEATHERED FELON MAY BE HERE RIGHT NOW!

SUDDENLY...
GASP! THE SHADOW OF AN UMBRELLA...AND THE PENGUIN'S TRADEMARK IS HIS TRICK UMBRELLAS! I WAS RIGHT...HE MUST BE OVER THERE!

THEN...
I'M BEING DIVE-BOMBED! NOW I'M SURE THE PENGUIN IS NEARBY! WHO ELSE WOULD TRAIN A BIRD TO DO A STUNT LIKE THIS?

GAS! I'M BLACKING OUT!
POWFF!

AS LOIS COMES TO, LONG AFTERWARD...
WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT AM I DOING IN THIS GLASS CAGE? ...AND WHERE ARE ALL THE BIRDS? THEY'RE GONE... VANISHED INTO THIN AIR!



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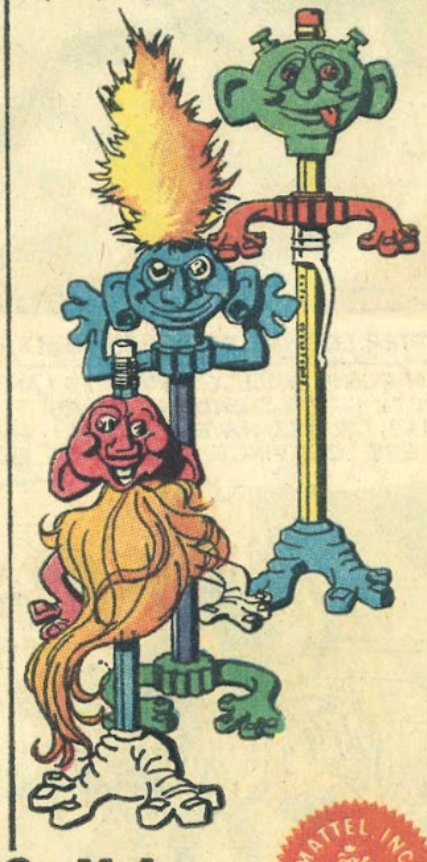

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A GOOD QUESTION, LOIS! AND THE ANSWER IS...

THE **CATWOMAN.** SHE'S ONE OF **BATMAN'S** ARCH FOES... SHE ALWAYS USES CATS AS THE INSPIRATION FOR HER CRIMES!

HELLO, MISS LANE! **RAJAH** AND I WERE PLAYING A LITTLE CAT AND MOUSE GAME WITH YOU!

BUT I WAS EXPECTING THE **PENGUIN!** HE SENT ONE OF HIS BIRDS TO ATTACK ME!

THAT WAS A **CATBIRD,** MY DEAR. THE **ONLY** BIRD I CAN TOLERATE! ITS "EGG" BOMB CAUSED YOUR LITTLE CATNAP!

MEEOWWW!

STOP PUSSY-FOOTING! I SAW THE SHADOW OF AN UMBRELLA ON THE WALL! YOU KNOW THAT'S A SURE SIGN OF THE **PENGUIN!**

YOU MUST HAVE SEEN THE SHADOW OF MY CAT-CLAWS!

JUST THEN...

OKAY, WE PUT THE LAST OF THE BIRDS TO SLEEP WITH THE DREAM-FOG! WE'RE LOADING THEM INTO THE TRUCKS RIGHT NOW! WHAT NEXT, **CATWOMAN?**

TAKE THAT BIRD OUTSIDE WITH THE OTHERS WHILE I SET UP THE CAT-TRAP I'VE BEEN PLANNING!

AFTER LOIS HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM HER CAGE...

MY PLANS INCLUDE **YOU,** MISS LANE. PUT ON THIS COSTUME! DO AS I SAY, OR I'LL HAVE **RAJAH** HERE CONVINCE YOU!

GIVE ME THE OUTFIT! HE'S **ALREADY** CONVINCED ME!

RRAAARRRR!

PRESENTLY...

IT'S ANOTHER **CATWOMAN** COSTUME! I'M A CARBON COPY OF **YOU!** WHAT'S THE PITCH?

PURRPLEXED, MY DEAR? STEP THROUGH THIS DOOR AND YOU'LL FIND THE ANSWER.

BRAINWASHED, LOIS FACES THE MOST FEROCIOUS BEASTS OF THE JUNGLE. WILL THE FALSE CAT-WOMAN BE CAT-NIPPED? TURN TO PART II AND FIND OUT!

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as BRAINY as.. BATMAN
as FAST as... the FLASH
as SMALL as.. the ATOM
or as WET as.. AQUAMAN!

WHAT IS HE?

HE'S THE ONE, THE ONLY, ORIGINAL PLASTIC MAN!

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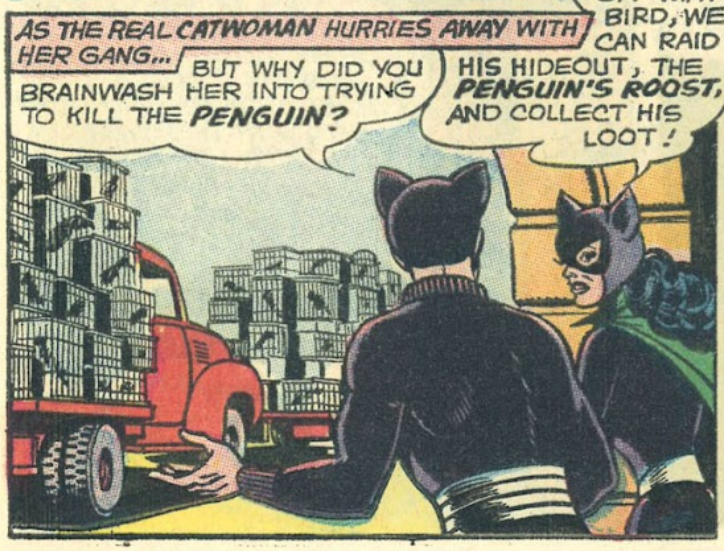
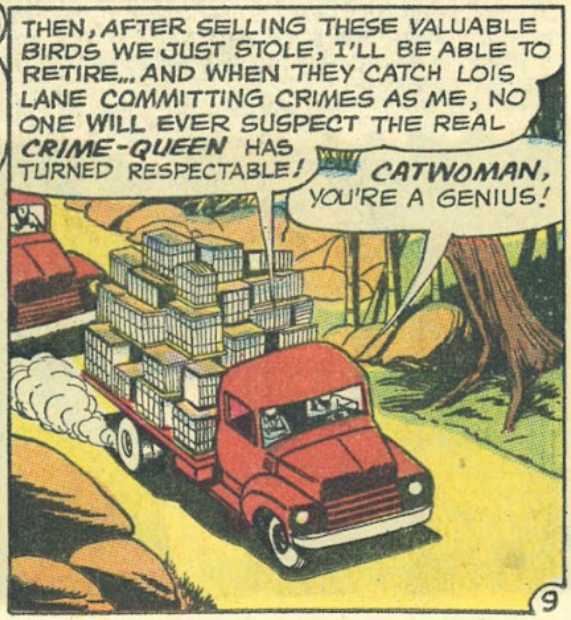
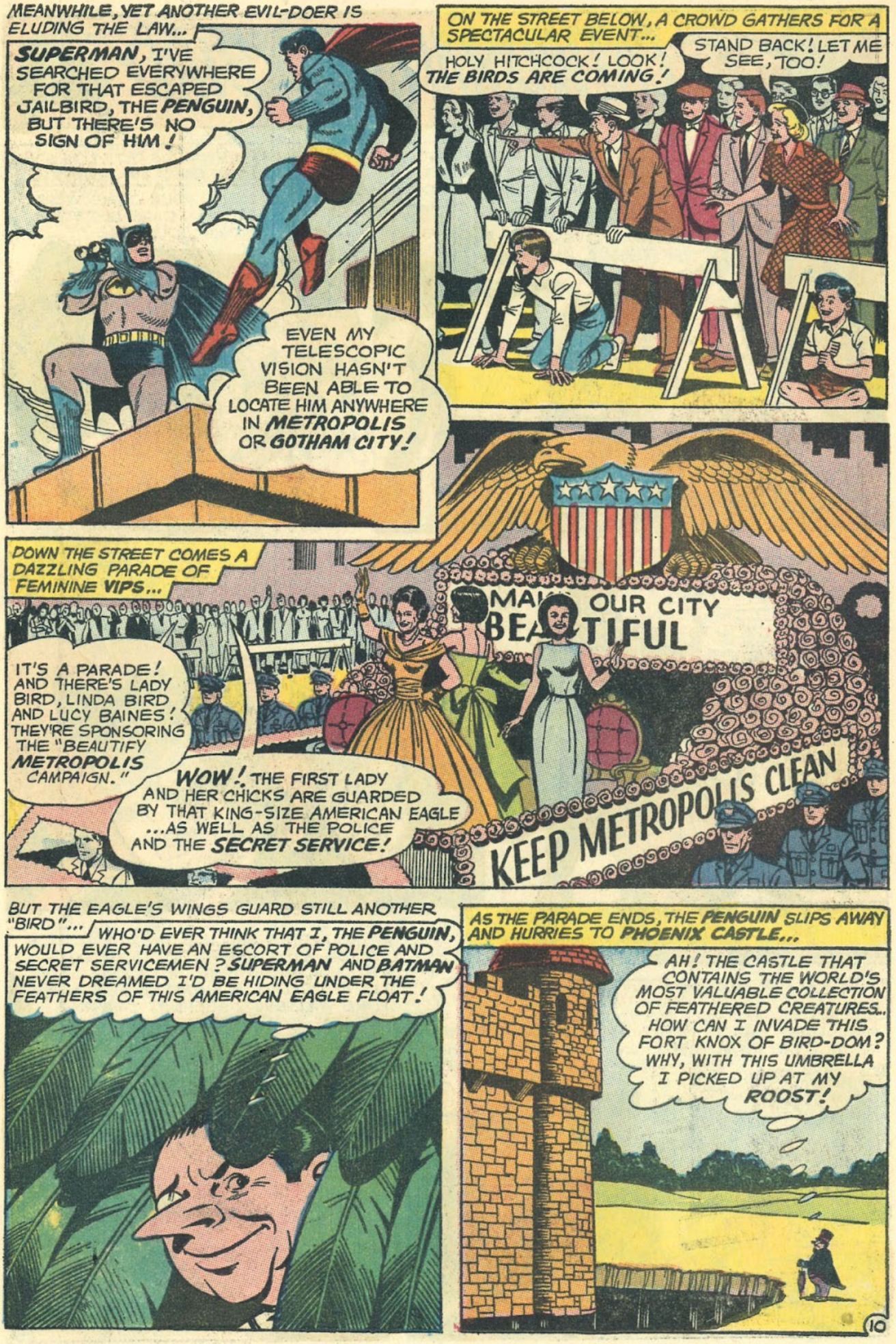
MAKING HIS TRIUMPHANT RETURN IN BRAND-NEW EXPLOITS!

ON SALE SEPT. 22nd

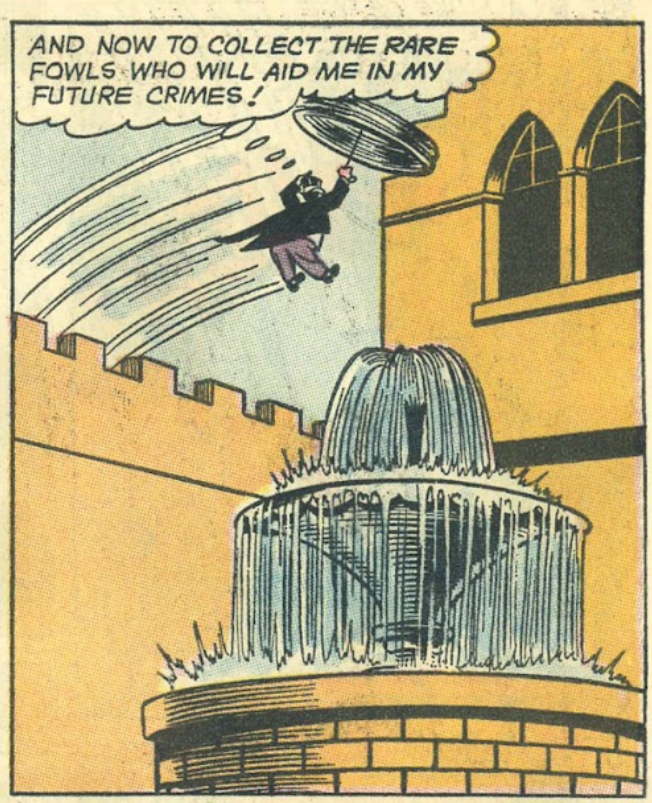
The CATWOMAN gets the BIRD
PART II





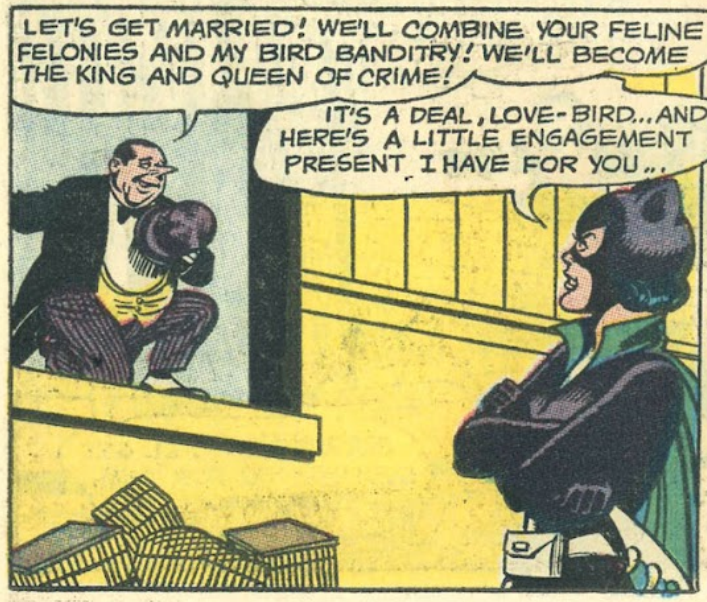

MEANWHILE, YET ANOTHER EVIL-DOER IS ELUDING THE LAW...
SUPERMAN, I'VE SEARCHED EVERYWHERE FOR THAT ESCAPED JAILBIRD, THE PENGUIN, BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF HIM!
EVEN MY TELESCOPIC VISION HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE HIM ANYWHERE IN METROPOLIS OR GOTHAM CITY!
ON THE STREET BELOW, A CROWD GATHERS FOR A SPECTACULAR EVENT...
HOLY HITCHCOCK! LOOK! THE BIRDS ARE COMING!
STAND BACK! LET ME SEE, TOO!
DOWN THE STREET COMES A DAZZLING PARADE OF FEMININE VIPS...
IT'S A PARADE! AND THERE'S LADY BIRD, LINDA BIRD AND LUCY BAINES! THEY'RE SPONSORING THE "BEAUTIFY METROPOLIS CAMPAIGN."
WOW! THE FIRST LADY AND HER CHICKS ARE GUARDED BY THAT KING-SIZE AMERICAN EAGLE ...AS WELL AS THE POLICE AND THE SECRET SERVICE!
MAKE OUR CITY BEAUTIFUL
KEEP METROPOLIS CLEAN
BUT THE EAGLE'S WINGS GUARD STILL ANOTHER "BIRD"...
WHO'D EVER THINK THAT I, THE PENGUIN, WOULD EVER HAVE AN ESCORT OF POLICE AND SECRET SERVICEMEN? SUPERMAN AND BATMAN NEVER DREAMED I'D BE HIDING UNDER THE FEATHERS OF THIS AMERICAN EAGLE FLOAT!
AS THE PARADE ENDS, THE PENGUIN SLIPS AWAY AND HURRIES TO PHOENIX CASTLE...
AH! THE CASTLE THAT CONTAINS THE WORLD'S MOST VALUABLE COLLECTION OF FEATHERED CREATURES... HOW CAN I INVADE THIS FORT KNOX OF BIRD-DOM? WHY, WITH THIS UMBRELLA I PICKED UP AT MY ROOST!

HHIRRRRR!
CLICK!
THE TOUCH OF A HIDDEN BUTTON TURNS MY UMBRELLA INTO A HELICOPTER!... PENGUIN, YOU GENIUS, YOU'RE A HUMAN WHIRLYBIRD!


AND NOW TO COLLECT THE RARE FOWLS WHO WILL AID ME IN MY FUTURE CRIMES!

A BRAIN-WASHED LOIS IS WAITING WITHIN...
AH! THE PENGUIN, MY RIVAL!
HE DOESN'T DREAM I'M ABOUT TO PLUCK HIS PINFEATHERS!
CATWOMAN! YOU BEAT ME TO IT AND CLEANED OUT THOSE VALUABLE BIRDS!
IT'S A DISASTER! BUT IF I PLAY MY CARDS RIGHT...

CATWOMAN, I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRED YOUR SLEEK BEAUTY AND YOUR CAT-CUNNING! WE MUST END OUR RIVALRY, MY LITTLE KITTEN!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU CARED!


LET'S GET MARRIED! WE'LL COMBINE YOUR FELINE FELONIES AND MY BIRD BANDITRY! WE'LL BECOME THE KING AND QUEEN OF CRIME!
IT'S A DEAL, LOVE-BIRD... AND HERE'S A LITTLE ENGAGEMENT PRESENT I HAVE FOR YOU...

THAT CLAWED GADGET COULD MAKE A PENGUIN-BURGER OUT OF ME!
...MY CATARANG!
YIII! I'M FALLING!

BUT, BY A FLUKE OF FATE...
SPLUSH!
PENGUIN, OLD BOY, YOU HAVE A CHARMED LIFE! ONCE AGAIN, YOUR BIRD-DESTINY SAVED YOU FROM DEATH... BY MEANS OF A BIRD-BATH!
AT THAT MOMENT...
OH-OH! SUPERMAN AND BATMAN! THEY MUST HAVE FIGURED I'D COME HERE! I'LL HIDE BEHIND THE WATER IN THE FOUNTAIN!
BUT SUPERMAN'S EAGLE EYE SPOTS THE BIRD BANDIT...
THERE'S THE PENGUIN NOW, BATMAN! I FIGURED HE'D TURN UP AT THE RARE BIRD EXHIBIT!
GRAB HIM BEFORE HE GETS AWAY, SUPERMAN!
WITH A PUFF OF SUPER-BREATH, THE MAN OF STEEL TURNS THE CASCADING WATER TO ICE...
HA, HA! THOSE FROZEN BARS SHOULD MAKE ANY PENGUIN FEEL AT HOME!
GRRRRR! I'LL GET EVEN WITH YOU FOR THIS, SUPERMAN!

SOON...
BATMAN, I STILL HAVE SOMETHING TO DO HERE AT THE CASTLE. YOU TAKE THIS FOWL-TEMPERED BIRD BACK TO PRISON!
RIGHT, SUPERMAN! THEY HAVE HIS CAGE READY FOR HIM!
I'LL NEED TO ACCOUNT TO PERRY WHITE FOR MY TIME, SO I'LL SWITCH TO CLARK KENT AND TAKE SOME NOTES. I'LL SAY THAT SUPERMAN BROUGHT ME HERE TO WITNESS THE PENGUIN'S CAPTURE!
BUT JUST THEN...
AH! HERE'S MY CATARANG! THE PENGUIN MUST BE SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE. SEARCH FOR HIM, MY FELINE FRIENDS!
SHE LOOKS LIKE THE CATWOMAN! BUT THAT VOICE... SOMETHING DOESN'T ADD UP!
A FLASH OF X-RAY VISION REVEALS...
GREAT GALAXIES! IT'S LOIS LANE!
WHY, YOU'RE CLARK KENT... A FRIEND OF SUPERMAN!
LOIS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THAT CATWOMAN COSTUME?
LOIS? MY NAME IS SELINA KYLE! I'M THE CATWOMAN, SWORN FOE OF BATMAN... AND SUPERMAN, TOO! I'LL PROVE IT!
ANY FRIEND OF SUPERMAN IS AN ENEMY OF MINE! HEAD FOR THAT CISTERN! I HAVE SPECIAL PLANS FOR YOU!
THE REAL CATWOMAN MUST'VE HYPNOTIZED LOIS. WELL, I'LL PUT ON THE FRAIDY-CAT CLARK KENT ACT!

SO YOU'RE TOO SCARED TO PUT UP A FIGHT, YOU WEAKLING? CLIMB DOWN INTO THAT PIT!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME?
FROM THAT EVIL GLINT IN HER EYE, SHE MIGHT TRY ANYTHING!
YOU'RE JUST A TIMID MOUSE... AND MY CATS LOVE MICE! KILL HIM, MY PETS!
ROWWWRRR!
THEN, IN A SAVAGE ATTACK OF FANG AND CLAW...
YOWWRRR
RIIIPPPP!
GROWWLLL!
SLASH!
THESE PUSSYCATS ARE FINDING OUT AN INVULNERABLE "MOUSE" IS TOO TOUGH TO CHEW!... BUT THEY'RE RIPPING MY CLARK KENT CLOTHES TO RIBBONS!
CLARK KENT... YOU'RE REALLY SUPERMAN!
OH-OH! THE FAT'S IN THE FIRE! SHE UNCOVERED MY SECRET IDENTITY!
BUT SINCE LOIS IS IN AN HYPNOTIC STATE, SHE'LL PROBABLY FORGET ALL THIS WHEN SHE SNAPS OUT OF IT! I'LL HIDE THE REMNANTS OF MY "CIVVIES" IN THE POUCH OF MY CAPE!
YOU FIEND! MY CATS ARE RUINING THEIR TEETH ON YOUR INVULNERABLE BODY!

AT THAT MOMENT, THE REAL CATWOMAN'S KITTY-CAR COMES CAT- APULTING OVER THE WALL!
LIKE ALL CATS, I'M CURIOUS! I MUST SEE IF LOIS LANE IS USING MY CAT- TRICKS PROPERLY! IF SHE FAILS, IT WOULD BE A CAT-ASTROPHE FOR MY REPUTATION!
HOLY HECATE! AS A CATWOMAN, LOIS EVEN BEATS ME! I ASKED HER TO TRAP THE PENGUIN, AND SHE TOPS ME BY NABBING SUPERMAN!
BUT AT THAT MOMENT...
STOP PUNCHING MY SWEET, LITTLE PUSSYCATS!
THESE ARE MERE LOVE-TAPS, LOIS. I JUST WANT TO PUT YOUR FUTILE FELINES TO SLEEP, TEMPORARILY!
TO THE METROPOLIS ZOO! WHERE THEY CAN'T HARM ANY-ONE! WAIT HERE! I'LL RETURN AND TRY TO BRING YOU OUT OF THE CATWOMAN'S HYPNOTIC INFLUENCE, LOIS!
YOU DEMON! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING MY PETS?

BUT THE MAN OF MIGHT IS NOT AWARE THAT THE GENUINE CATWOMAN HAS BEEN EAVES-DROPPING...
SO SUPERMAN KNOWS THAT LOIS LANE HAS BEEN HYPNOTIZED INTO THINKING SHE'S ME, EH? HMM... THIS COULD FIT IN WITH MY PLANS PURRRFECTLY!
SOON, AS LOIS PROWLS THE PREMISES IN HER CATWOMAN COSTUME...
I THOUGHT SUPERMAN HAD CAPTURED ALL MY CATS, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I STILL HAVE ONE LEFT! I'LL CHECK!
MOWWRRR!
SCRATCH
AS LOIS STEPS THROUGH THE DOOR...
I KNEW YOU COULDN'T RESIST MY CAT-CALL! TAKE OFF THAT CAT-KIT! YOU WON'T NEED IT ANY MORE!
RRIPP!
INSTANTS LATER...
C-CATWOMAN! HOW DID I GET BACK IN THIS CAGE? I CAN'T REMEMBER.
I'LL FILL YOU IN LATER. MEANWHILE, YOU'LL STAY IN YOUR UNBREAKABLE GLASS PRISON!
NOW THAT I BROKE THE HYPNOTIC SPELL, SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER IMPERSONATING ME!
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS! SUPERMAN WILL FIND ME! AND WHEN HE DOES...
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, MY LITTLE KITTEN, HE WON'T EVEN BOTHER LOOKING FOR YOU!
...YESSS... HERE COMES SUPERMAN TO HELP "POOR, DELUDED LOIS"! HE'LL NEVER GUESS THE GIRL WHO'S WAITING FOR HIM IS THE REAL CATWOMAN, IMPURRSONATING HIS FRIEND! HA, HA, HA!
WHAT SINISTER SCHEME HAS THE PURRING PRINCESS OF PLUNDER PLUCKED FROM HER CATALOGUE OF TRICKS? THE CATACLYSMIC ENDING WILL BE FOUND IN PART II!
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PART III SUPERMAN'S CAT-ASTROPHE!

AS **SUPERMAN** RETURNS TO THE CASTLE...

I CAME BACK FOR YOU, LOIS. DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME? I'M YOUR FRIEND... **SUPERMAN. CATWOMAN** MUST'VE HYPNOTIZED YOU INTO ASSUMING HER IDENTITY.

HA, HA! MR. MUSCLES DOESN'T DREAM HE'S TALKING TO THE **CATWOMAN** IN PERSON!

YOU COULD BE RIGHT, **SUPERMAN.** GIVE ME A SUPER-KISS! IT MIGHT HELP RESTORE MY MEMORY.

IT'S WORTH A TRY! A SUPER-KISS MIGHT SHOCK HER BACK TO NORMAL!

SINCE HE THINKS I'M LOIS, I MAY AS WELL GET A DIVIDEND OUT OF THIS SITUATION!

AS THE CUNNING **CATWOMAN** CONTINUES HER ACT...

MMM! DEE-LISH! THIS IS THE **CAT'S MEEOW!**... BUT I MUST KEEP MY HEAD! I HAVE **OTHER** PLANS FOR LOIS' FAVORITE CARRIER PIGEON!

LOIS, DIDN'T THAT KISS RING A BELL? DIDN'T IT STIR UP OLD MEMORIES?

HMM... MAYBE I **AM** LOIS, AFTER ALL. BUT I MUST BE **SURE.** FLY ME TO MY SECRET LAIR, THE **CATACOMBS!**

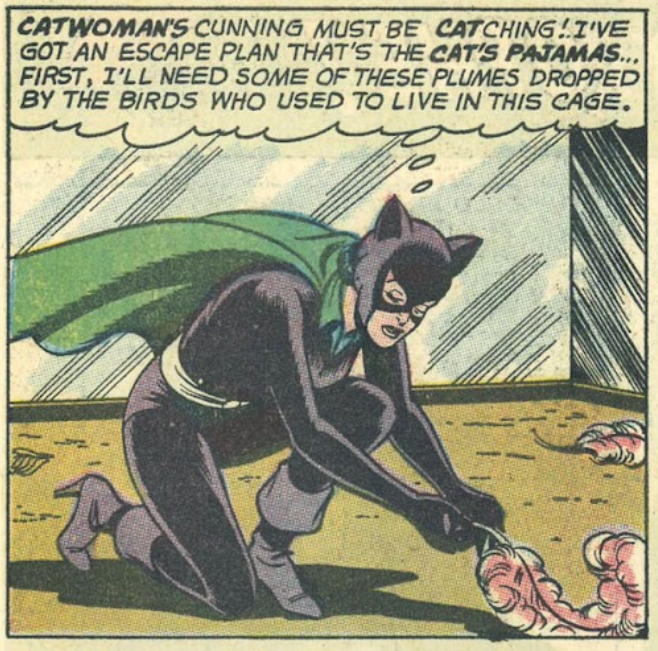
A GOOD IDEA! IF YOU CAN GUIDE ME THERE, IT'LL PROVE YOU'RE THE REAL **CATWOMAN!** IF NOT, YOU'LL HAVE TO ADMIT YOU'RE ACTUALLY LOIS SUFFERING FROM A DELUSION!

SUPERMAN, HOW CLEVER OF YOU!

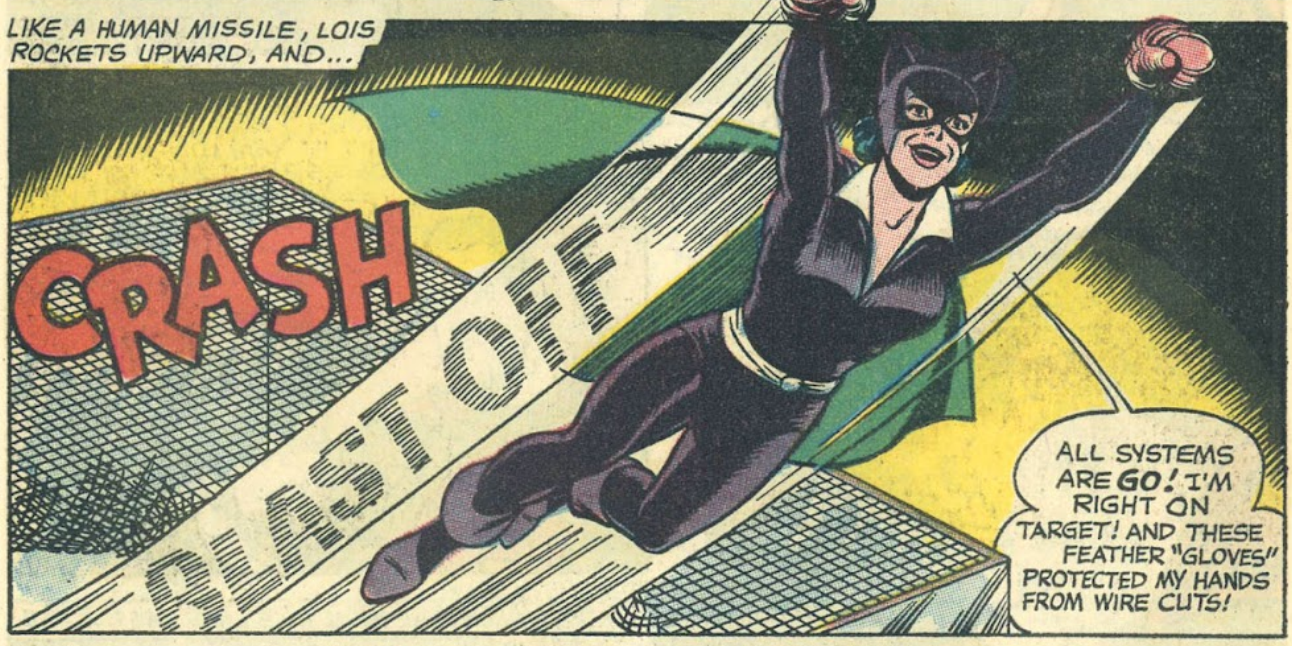
HA, HA! I'M PLAYING HIM FOR A **CAT'S PAW!**

MEANWHILE, THE **REAL** LOIS LANE HAS ESCAPE IDEAS...

THIS CAGE IS MADE OF UNBREAKABLE GLASS! BUT IF MY GUESS IS RIGHT, THAT SCREEN OVERHEAD IS SOME SOME KIND OF THIN PLASTIC! HMMM! THINK HARD, LOIS BABY!

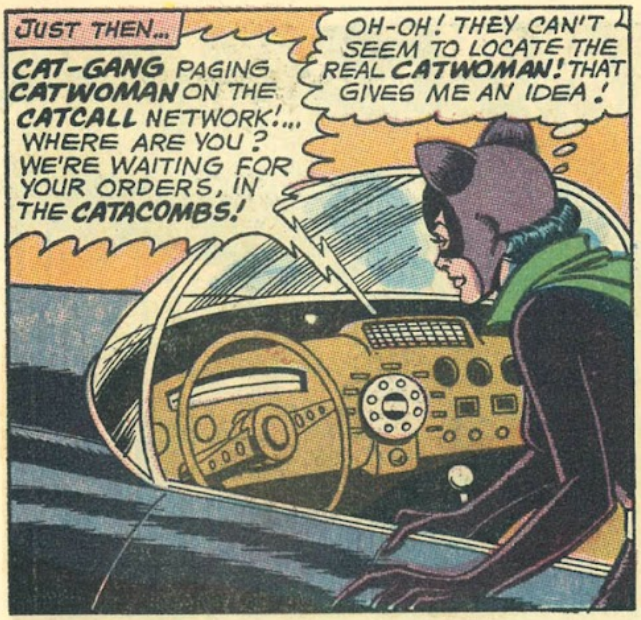

CATWOMAN'S CUNNING MUST BE CATCHING! I'VE GOT AN ESCAPE PLAN THAT'S THE CAT'S PAJAMAS... FIRST, I'LL NEED SOME OF THESE PLUMES DROPPED BY THE BIRDS WHO USED TO LIVE IN THIS CAGE.

WRAPPING THE PLUMES AROUND HER HANDS, LOIS MOUNTS A NEARBY BIRD-SWING, AND..
I HOPE I CAN SWING THIS! FOUR... THREE... TWO... ONE... ZERO!


LIKE A HUMAN MISSILE, LOIS ROCKETS UPWARD, AND...
CRASH
BLAST OFF
ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO! I'M RIGHT ON TARGET! AND THESE FEATHER "GLOVES" PROTECTED MY HANDS FROM WIRE CUTS!

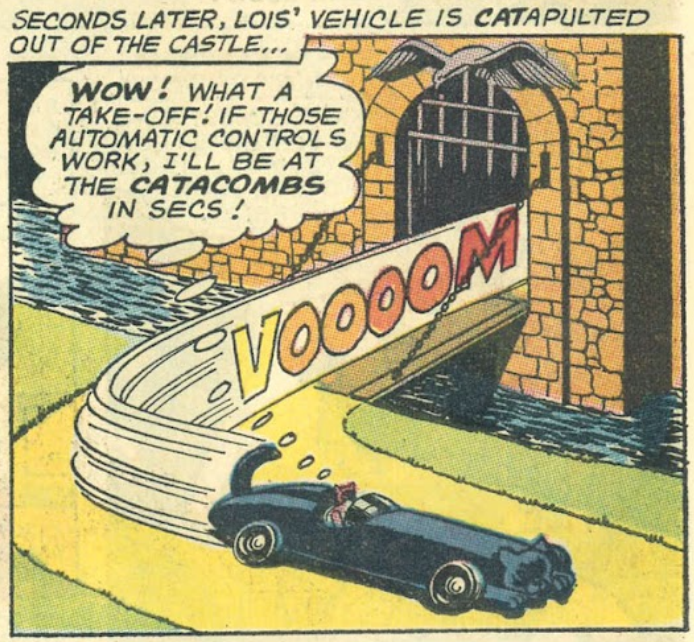
AND, BY A LUCKY TWIST OF FATE...
THIS BALCONY MAKES A PERFECT LANDING FIELD! WOW! WOULD SUPERMAN BELIEVE I DID THIS... WOULD PERRY ... WOULD JIMMY?

THEN, SLIPPING OUT TO THE COURTYARD...
I THOUGHT I'D FIND CATWOMAN PROWLING AROUND, BUT SHE'S NOWHERE IN SIGHT! WAIT...THERE'S HER KITTY-CAR!


JUST THEN...
CAT-GANG PAGING CATWOMAN ON THE CATCALL NETWORK!... WHERE ARE YOU? WE'RE WAITING FOR YOUR ORDERS, IN THE CATACOMBS!
OH-OH! THEY CAN'T SEEM TO LOCATE THE REAL CATWOMAN! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!

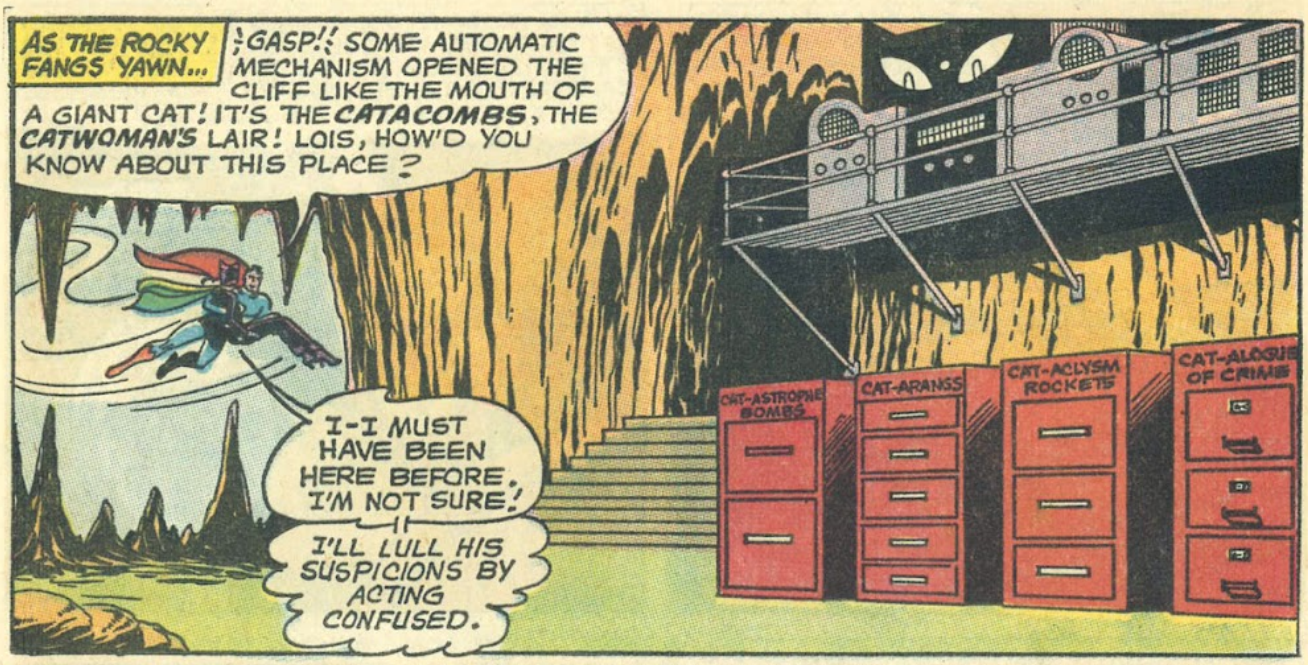
IN THIS COSTUME, I'M A DEAD RINGER FOR THAT FELINE FELON! IF I COULD GET TO HER HIDEOUT, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO INFILTRATE THE GANG AND CAPTURE THEM. BUT HOW DO I FIND THE SECRET HIDE..? WAIT! THERE'S THE ANSWER!
METROPOLIS
AUTO PILOT
CATACOMBS

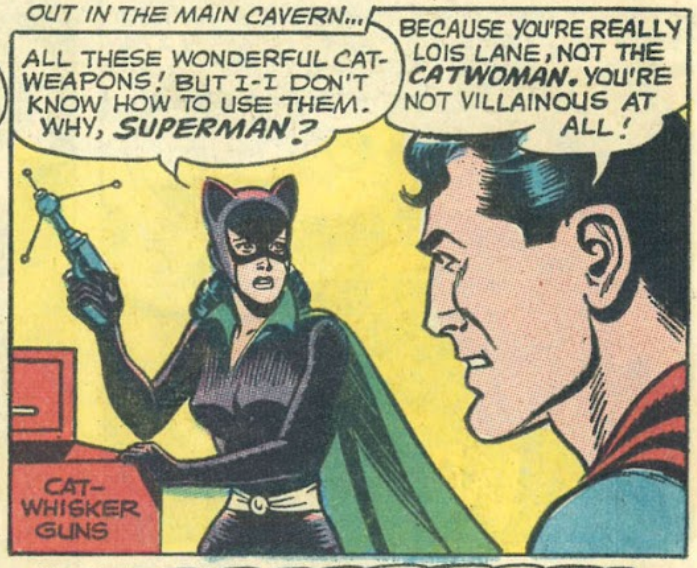
THIS AUTO-PILOT MAY CONTROL THE KITTY-CAR... I HOPE! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT. I'LL DIAL THE DESTINATION I'M LOOKING FOR!
ST. LOUIS
AUTO-PILOT
WHIRRRR


SECONDS LATER, LOIS' VEHICLE IS CATAPULTED OUT OF THE CASTLE...
WOW! WHAT A TAKE-OFF! IF THOSE AUTOMATIC CONTROLS WORK, I'LL BE AT THE CATACOMBS IN SECS!
VOOOOM

MEANWHILE, THE REAL CATWOMAN APPROACHES THE SAME DESTINATION...
TO KEEP THIS BRAIN-AND-BRAWN BOY BELIEVING THAT I'M LOIS LANE, I'LL CONTINUE TO ACT CONFUSED.
SUPERMAN, I--I THINK MY LAIR IS NEAR THAT CLIFF, BELOW.
IF YOU WERE REALLY THE CAT-WOMAN, YOU'D BE SURE, LOIS!

BUT IN THE NEXT MOMENT...
ER... THIS SPOT LOOKS FAMILIAR. HEAD TOWARD THOSE NEEDLE-SHAPED ROCKS.
GREAT KRYPTON! THAT FORMATION LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE THE FANGS OF A GIANT CAT!





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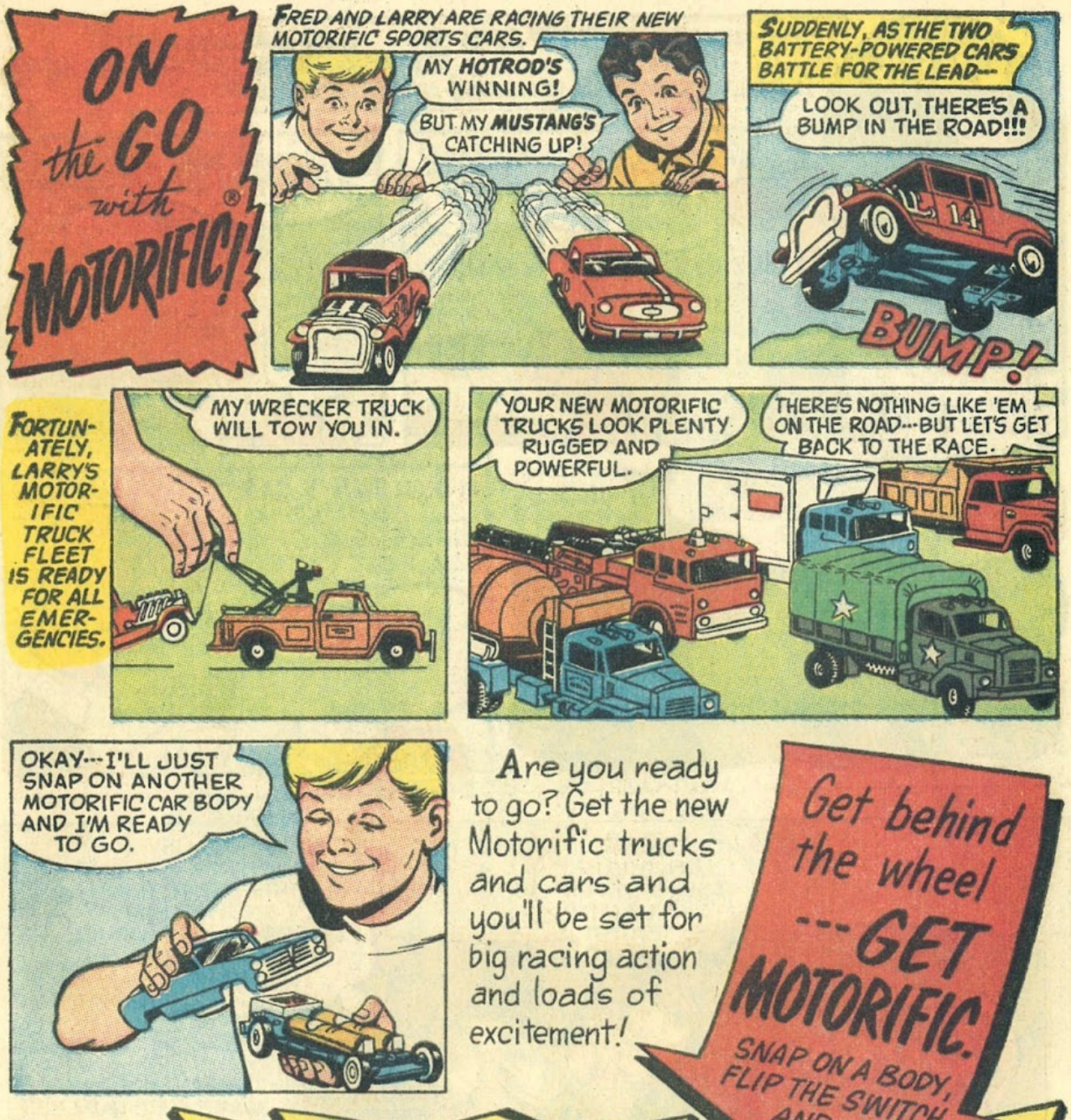

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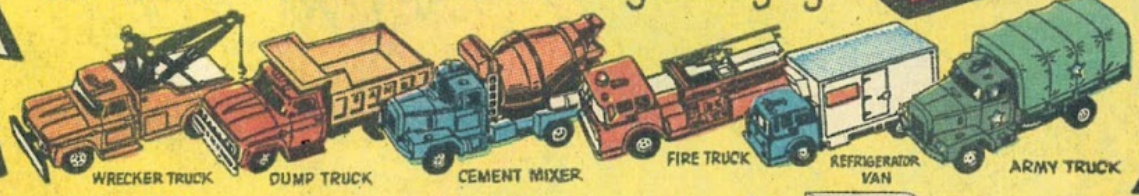

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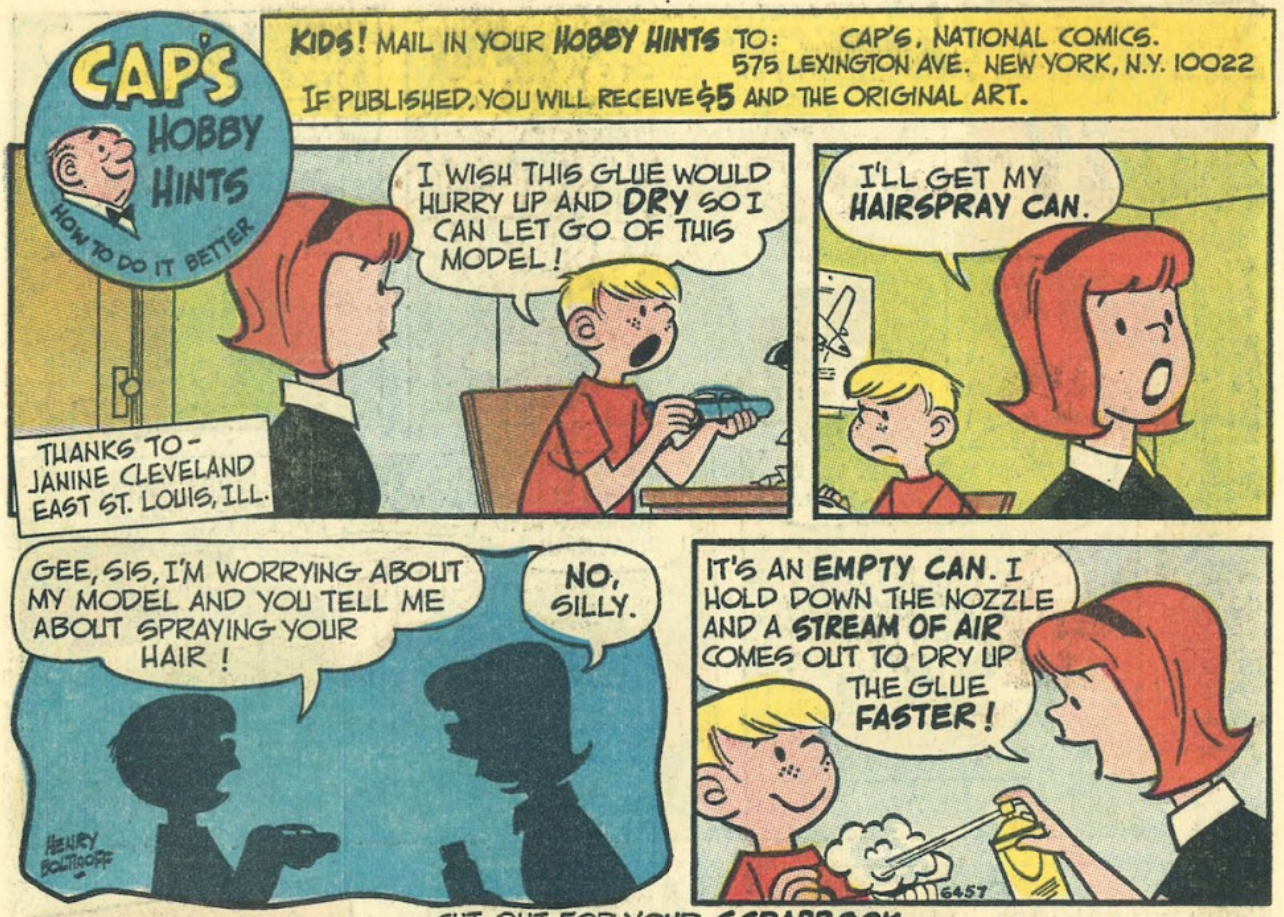

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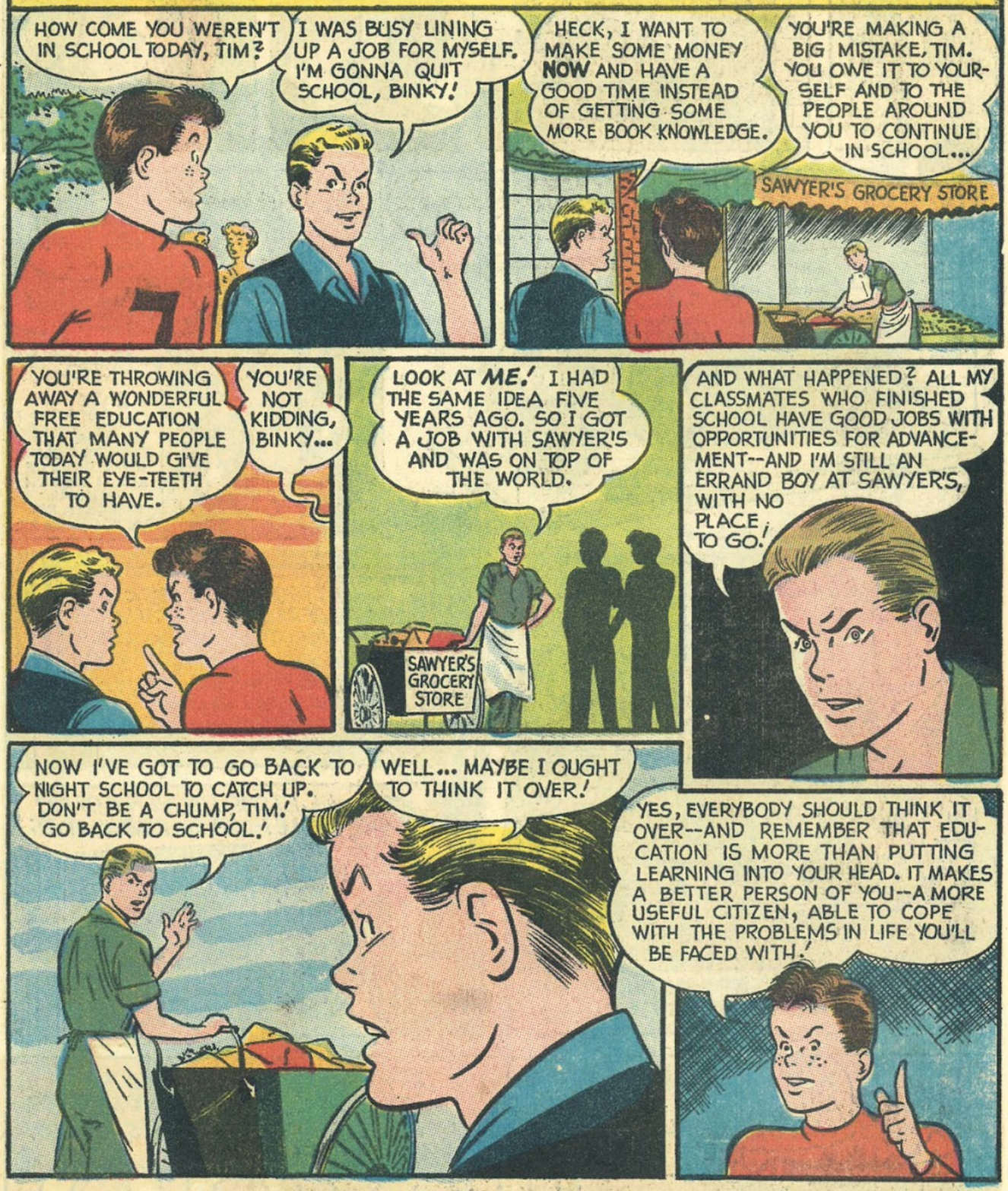

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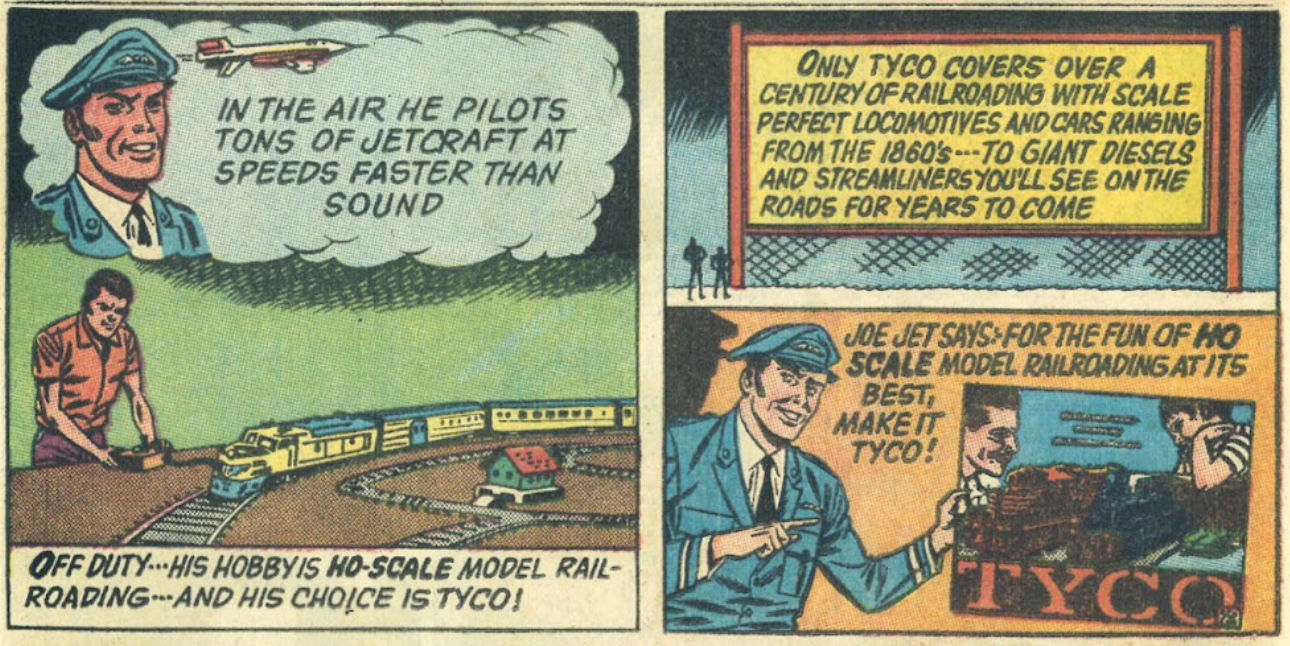
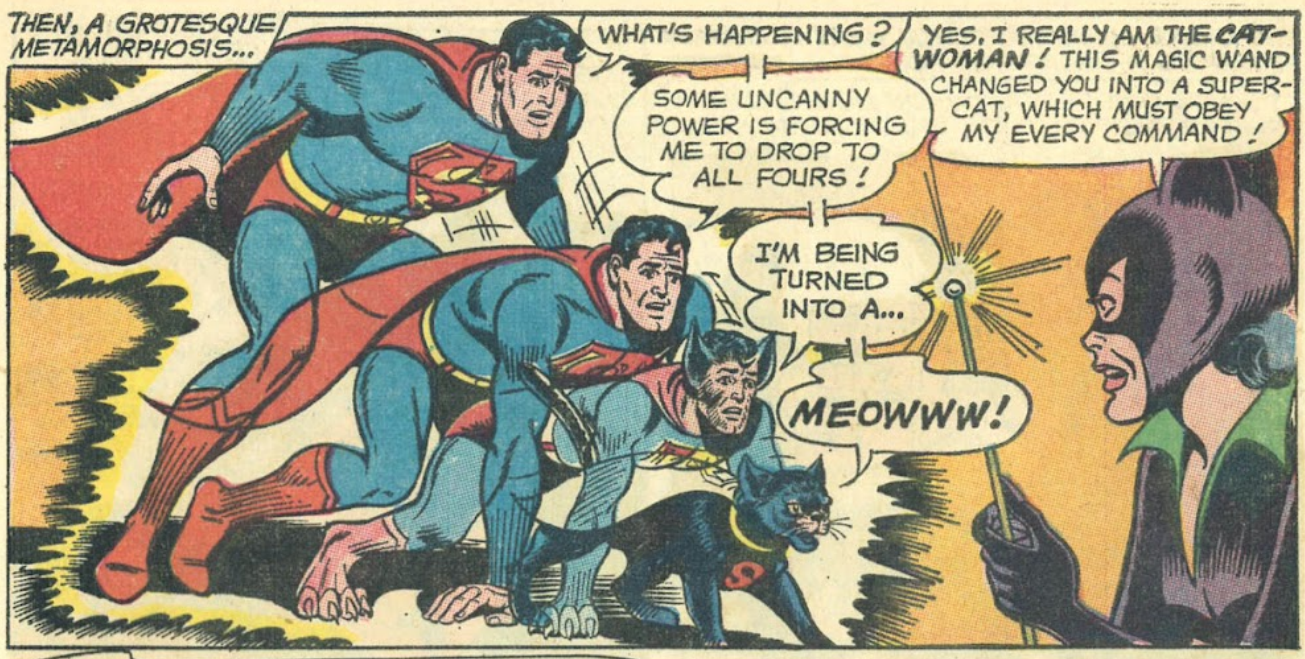
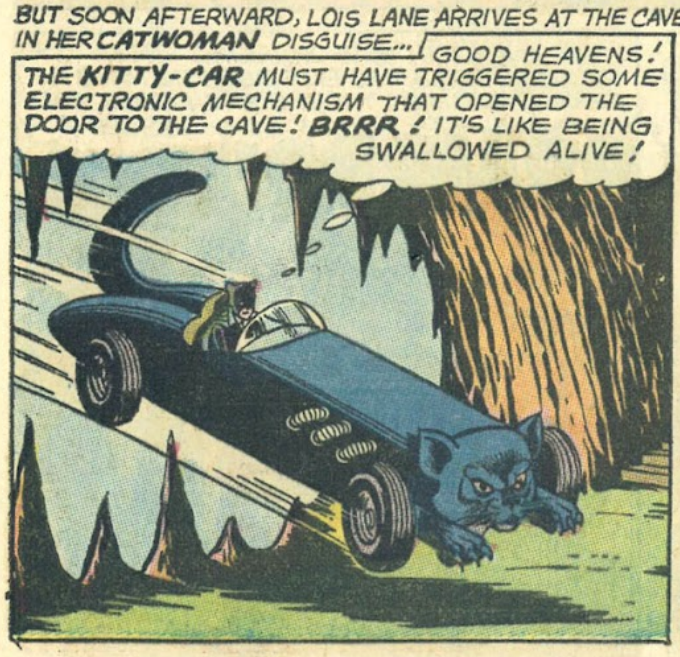
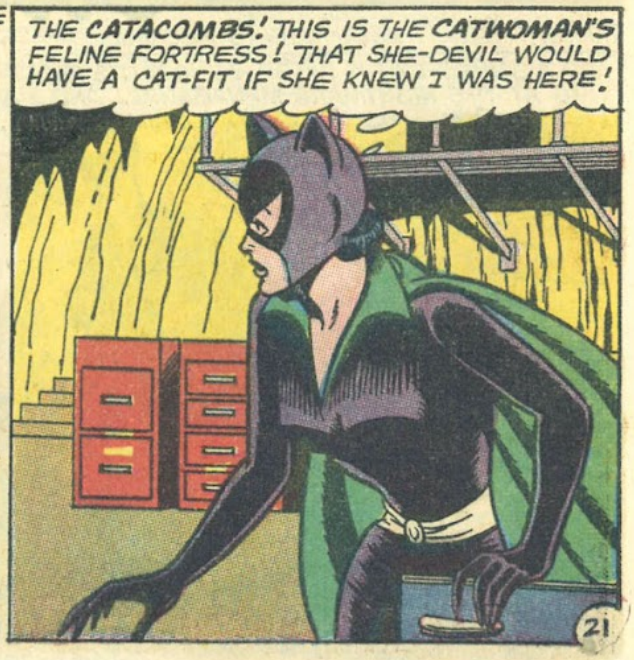



THEN, A GROTESQUE METAMORPHOSIS...
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
SOME UNCANNY POWER IS FORCING ME TO DROP TO ALL FOURS!
I'M BEING TURNED INTO A...
MEOWWW!
YES, I REALLY AM THE CATWOMAN! THIS MAGIC WAND CHANGED YOU INTO A SUPER-CAT, WHICH MUST OBEY MY EVERY COMMAND!

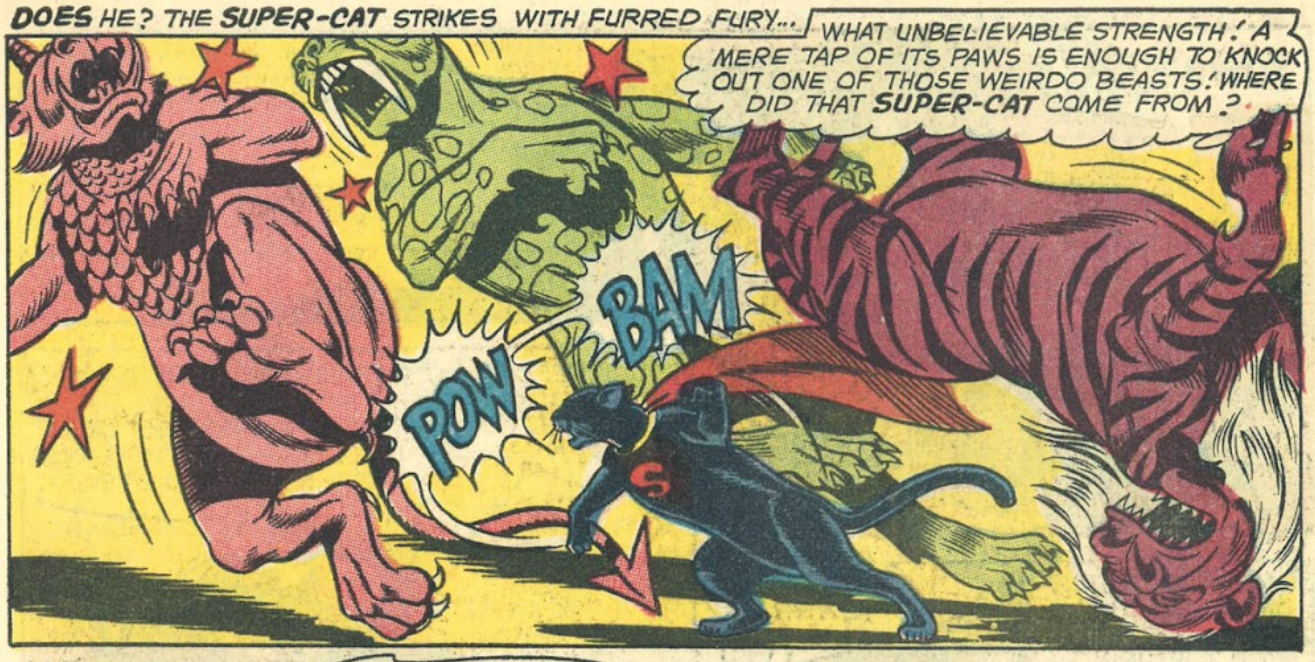
ACCORDING TO CIRCE'S SPELL, YOU MUST FOLLOW ALL ORDERS I GIVE YOU IN RHYME!
FORGET YOUR ANGER, DO NO HARM. REST THERE GENTLY ON MY ARM.
WOW! WE SAW THAT STUNT ON THE MONITOR. WE'RE PURR-OUD OF YOU, CATWOMAN!

I ALWAYS DREAMED OF OWNING A SUPER-CAT. NOW, WITH THIS POWERFUL FELINE AT MY BECK AND CALL, I'LL ONCE AGAIN BE THE QUEEN OF CRIME. COME, MY CAT-CRONIES. WE HAVE PLANS TO MAKE!


BUT SOON AFTERWARD, LOIS LANE ARRIVES AT THE CAVE IN HER CATWOMAN DISGUISE...
GOOD HEAVENS! THE KITTY-CAR MUST HAVE TRIGGERED SOME ELECTRONIC MECHANISM THAT OPENED THE DOOR TO THE CAVE! BRRR! IT'S LIKE BEING SWALLOWED ALIVE!


THE CATACOMBS! THIS IS THE CATWOMAN'S FELINE FORTRESS! THAT SHE-DEVIL WOULD HAVE A CAT-FIT IF SHE KNEW I WAS HERE!

SHE KNOWS, LOIS! THE FELINE FURY IS ALREADY PREPARING A RECEPTION FOR YOU...
IT'S LOIS LANE! I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE GOT IN HERE, BUT I'LL SHOW WHAT CURIOSITY CAN DO TO THE CAT! HA, HA!
I'LL RELEASE THAT CAGEFUL OF WEIRD GIANT CATS, WHICH I BRED EXPERIMENTALLY. EACH ONE IS AS SAVAGE AS A DOZEN TIGERS. LET'S SEE YOUR GIRL FRIEND GET OUT OF THIS ONE, SUPERMAN... I MEAN SUPER-CAT!
BBZZZZZZ
AN INSTANT LATER, LOIS BECOMES THE STAR OF A FRIGHTFUL DRAMA... WITH "WIDE SCREAM" EFFECTS...
THOSE HORRIBLE BEASTS... WHERE'D THEY COME FROM? THEY'LL DEVOUR ME ALIVE!
EEEEEEE!
YOWWRRR!
ROWWRRR!
BUT IN THE NEXT HAIR-RAISING SECOND...
AND A SUPER-CAT IS AFTER ME, TOO! IT'S FEEDING TIME AT THIS NIGHTMARE MENAGERIE... AND I'M THE MAIN COURSE!
MEOWWRR!
WHAT A SWITCH! HE'S CHARGING THOSE FIENDISH FELINES! BUT DOES HE HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST THEIR GIANT FANGS AND CLAWS?
RRAARRR!
YEOWWR

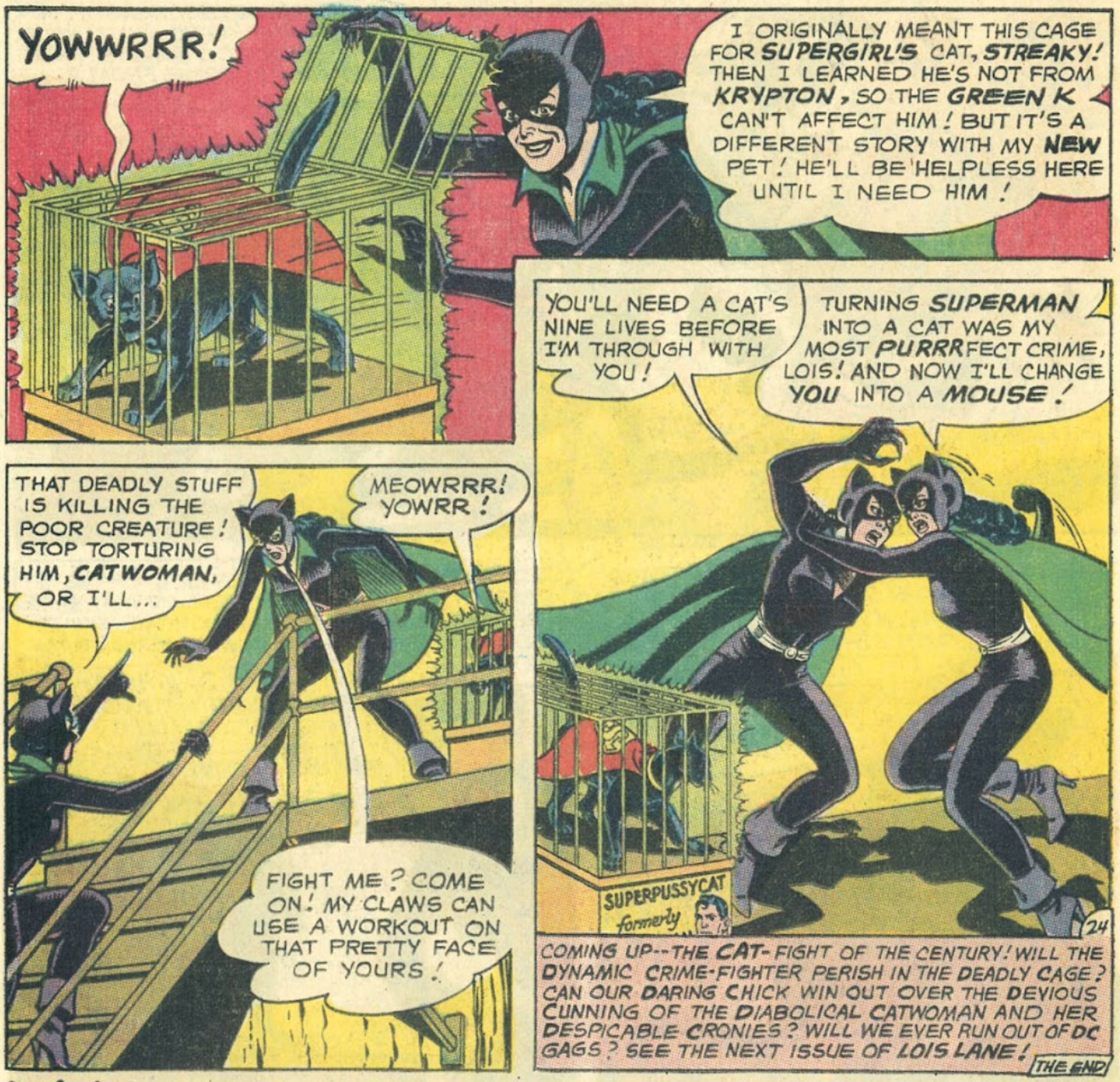

DOES HE? THE SUPER-CAT STRIKES WITH FURRED FURY...
WHAT UNBELIEVABLE STRENGTH! A MERE TAP OF ITS PAWS IS ENOUGH TO KNOCK OUT ONE OF THOSE WEIRDO BEASTS! WHERE DID THAT SUPER-CAT COME FROM?
POW
BAM

AS THE BATTLE ENDS...
THANKS, PAL! FOR A MINUTE, I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE SUPERGIRL'S SUPER-PET, STREAKY! BUT HE HAS GOLDEN FUR... AND LIGHTNING-STREAK MARKS ON HIS SIDES!
PURRRR!

SUDDENLY...
WAIT! I GET IT! BY LICKING THE "S" SYMBOL, YOU'RE TRYING TO TELL ME THAT YOU'RE SUPERMAN... AND THAT, SOMEHOW, YOU'VE BEEN TURNED INTO A CAT. MEOW TWICE IF I'M RIGHT!
CLEVER-R-R-R! MY CAT-CUNNING MUST HAVE RUBBED OFF ON YOU, LOIS!
MEOW! MEOW!

THE CATWOMAN! ONLY SHE COULD'VE CAST THIS SPELL ON YOU!... NAB HER, SUPER-MAN!... I MEAN SUPER-CAT!
YOWRRR!
HA, HA! YOU MUST OBEY ME, IT IS WRITTEN. BE MILD AND GENTLE AS A KITTEN.

GOOD GRIEF! THAT SIMPLE RHYME BRAIN-WASHED SUPER-CAT INTO A CUDDLY HOUSE PET!
ALL RIGHT, BOYS! I'VE GOT HIM UNDER CONTROL AGAIN! BRING OUT THE CAGE!



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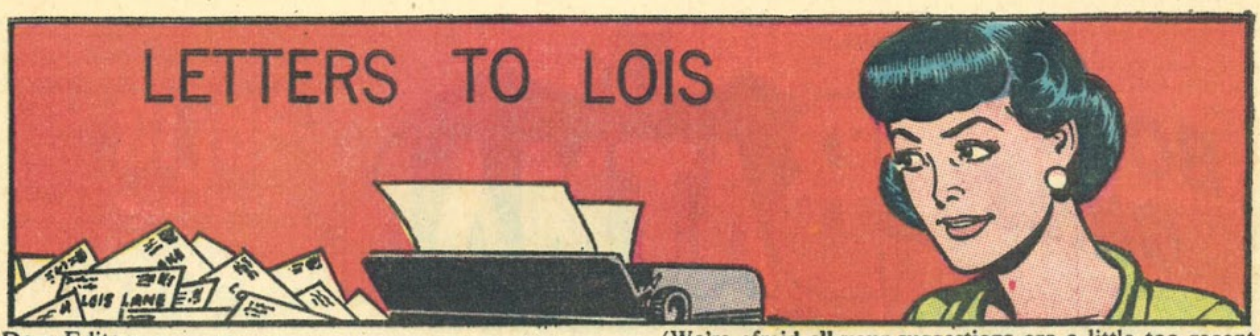

Dear Editor:

"Lois Lane—Queen and Superman—Commoner" was fantastic. The cover was the best DC has yet given us. It touched a note of mystery and the reader was encouraged to read the story and find out why Lois was behaving so oddly. The tale itself had a good plot and the art, as usual, was great. I was really surprised at the Hall of Fame Classic. If all your future stories are as terrific as the ones in LOIS LANE No. 67, I will continue to be a faithful reader and subscriber.

—David Ouellette, Essex, Ontario, Canada.

(We hope you're pleased as a pussycat with this issue's Catwoman tale. Lois and the Crime Queen are just warming up for their showdown in the next ish!—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

You goofed in "The Bombshell of the Boulevards." I have sat under a hair dryer when it was running and I know Lois *couldn't* have heard Lois LaFlamme talking at such a time, because of the noise. How are you going to ante up an excuse for this one?

—Laura Civorelli, Hicksville, N.Y.

(How about a blown fuse cutting off the power so the hair dryer wasn't working?—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I feel that you are afraid to make any drastic changes in your stories, such as letting a character stay dead—or married. We all suspect that Lois is the one Superman will marry—but I personally doubt it will ever actually happen. Sure, you have Aquaman, Elongated Man and Hawkman married, but they didn't have to think about it as long as Supie and L.L. Even Lex Luthor's married—but not the Man of Steel!

—Mary Revetti, Carpinteria, Calif.

(You never can tell what may happen—or when. We recall that, several years ago, a national magazine published an interview with Dick Tracy's creator, Chester Gould, in which he stated that Tracy would never marry Tess Trueheart. The week the mag hit the stands, Dick and Tess got hitched! We're not making any promises, but *anything* can happen in comics. So keep reading!—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

"Lois Lane—Queen and Superman—Commoner" was marvelous. But you goofed on one detail. On page 5, the Captain wears the gold leaf insignia of a major. A captain's insignia is two silver bars.

—Bravlio. Velasquez, New York, N.Y.

(Right—in the Army or Air Force! But in the Navy, the Captain corresponds with an Army Colonel—and wears an eagle insignia! Which means—sigh!—we goofed, after all!—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I am very much in favor of your putting Hall of Fame Classics in LOIS LANE. Since I am a Lana Lang fan, I am sending a list of stories in which she is featured as nominations for future Hall of Fame reprints. They are: "Lana Lang's Romance with Superman III," "The Lana Lang of 500 B.C.," "The Murder of Lana Lang," and "The Love Detector."

—Elsa Liebet, Minneapolis, Minn.

(We're afraid all your suggestions are a little too recent, but we'll file 'em away for possible reprinting a few years from now. Meanwhile, the use of Hall of Fame Classics in our various mags really seems to be going over, so watch for some of our best tales from years past to turn up in future "Superman Family" issues. For example, the next issue of ACTION brings back Supergirl's *first* guest-starring role!—Ed.

Dear Editor:

LOIS LANE No. 67, was a darn good issue! "Lois Lane—Queen and Superman—Commoner" was beautiful, simply because of all the lovely costumes Lois wore. (Now *there's* a frivolous reason, eh?) But, though I hate to be the one to break the news to you, the statement that Lucy *never* wears black is completely untrue. In JIMMY OLSEN No. 66, "The Cabinet from Krypton," Lucy was resplendent in a black dress and matching hat. Tough luck, boys!

—Irene Vartanoff, Bethesda, Md.

(We admit it—we even admit Lucy wore a black bathing suit in JIMMY OLSEN No. 73. But her taste has changed and now she wouldn't be caught dead in black!—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

"Lois Lane—Queen and Superman—Commoner" was tops except for an historical blunder. On page 4, Queen Isabella states that she would gladly sell her jewels to help Columbus find a western route to India. Well, I learned in school that Isabella did *not* sell her jewels—that's only a legend.

—Charles Gomez, Hialeah, Fla.

(The way we understand it, she *offered* to sell her jewels, if necessary—but it *wasn't* necessary. We never said she actually did it.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I see by the ads that your new LOIS LANE GIANT is based on Lois' romances. This got me to thinking. Anyone as attractive as Lois must have had scads of suitors *before* she met Superman. How about telling us something about them? I can only recall *one* of her old beaux ever appearing in any of your stories—and that was just for a few panels.

—Adrienne King, Montpelier, Vt.

(Hmm . . . not a bad idea! We'll start our writers working on it and see what they come up with.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I liked both stories in LOIS LANE No. 67. But I found one boo-boo. In "The Bombshell of the Boulevards," we see Lois holding a fork over a dish of snails. Then the next panel says she used a spoon. Explain!

—Ted Willen, Clark, S. Dak.

(Would you believe she was using a runcible spoon, which has prongs like a fork? Would you believe she traded in the fork for a spoon? Would you believe it wasn't a fork, just a leaky spoon?—Ed.)

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